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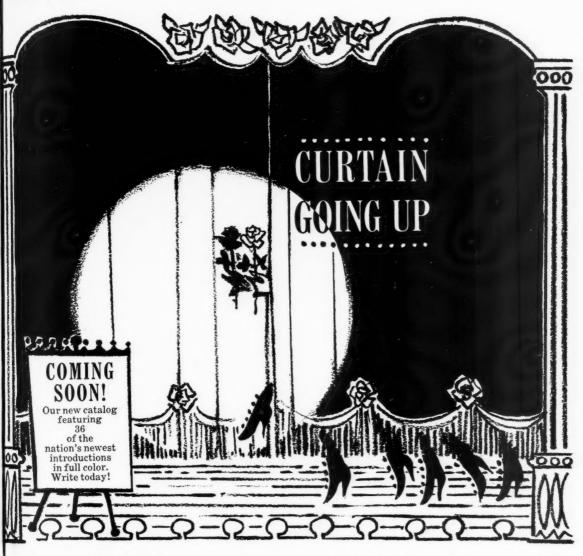
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Editorial

SPRING HANDICAPS

Again this spring nurserymen were hampered by inclement weather during what is ordinarily their best selling season. April was particularly unfortunate in that aspect in some sections of the country, and it adversely affected other sections in shipments to the former.

The perennial optimism of nurserymen shows through reports to date, some in their comparison with an adverse season a year ago, others in their ingenious efforts to meet difficult situations, and many in reflecting upon the strong interest and intermittently expressed demand from the gardening public. When the weather cleared and the temperature rose, buyers appeared in droves.

No sudden change from cooler spring weather to hot days of summer had apeared, to end buying and planting, as in some years, and the early days of June saw most retail salesyards and garden centers well patronized and busily moving stock, the more so where latitude favored.

The ability to supply packaged stock, container-grown plants and balled merchandise aids nurserymen in prolonging the selling season. With added experience, gardeners are able to handle stock successfully in spite of unfavorable weather conditions. There is no question that the hobby of gardening is attracting more enthusiasts each year and that their increasing experience is a factor in nursery sales.

PLANTING TIPS

Most mail-order nursery houses are generous in supplying leaflets, pamphlets or mimeographed sheets on advice as to the proper planting and early care of the various types of plants they ship.

Rose firms are especially assiduous in this regard, because they are aware how well a plant will succeed with proper attention and how easy

The Mirror of the Trade

it is to kill a well-grown healthy specimen with mistreatment.

Some retail nurserymen and garden centers are equally attentive to their customers in providing them with instructions, but much more might be done in this regard. Many states, through their extension services, provide leaflets or pamphlets for homeowners on many types of plants and their landscape use; if the retail nursery does not distribute helpful material like this, it can list the items which its customers may write for and obtain at little or no cost.

One successful plant will sell another, but one bad experience may kill completely the gardening interest of a young homeowner, and oftener than not the nurseryman is blamed.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

The average dollar volume of nursery business based on the 1960-61 dues payments of members of the American Association of Nurserymen, according to data just issued, was 2.2 per cent higher than in 1958-59 by those firms paying a full year's dues in both years. This was the lowest increase of any year in the past two decades, except 1957-58, when the increase was only one half of 1 per cent. Every year except that one has shown an increase of more than 3 per cent since the year 1939-40 showed a decrease of 2.4 per cent from the preceding year. Since the past year included a period of general business recession, as well as a good deal of bad weather, the showing of the industry was comparatively satisfactory.

It is assumed that the figures as to business volume were not much affected by members such as the one who reported a bad year and a decrease in volume, but sent the same dues check as in the preceding year as he wished to keep in the same dues category as before.

The showing as to the industry's dollar volume was even more satisfactory, since the A. A. N. reported, from its survey of nursery catalogs, that prices declined slightly and probably not to a significant degree.

The combined index of wholesale stock prices receded from 297 for 1960 to 293 for 1961, using the fall of 1960 and the spring of 1961, in comparison with the prices of 1940 spring catalogs as the base of 100. Retail prices, according to the com-

bined stock index, receded to 311 from 338. Mail-order prices declined to 356 from 361.

In the previous years the figures and charts as to prices have shown only three groups—deciduous fruits, small fruits and ornamentals. This year, for the first time, ornamentals have been broken down into six categories—shade trees, flowering trees, coniferous evergreens, broad-leaved evergreens, deciduous shrubs and standard roses (not patented).

In wholesale prices, slight gains were reported on deciduous fruits, deciduous shrubs and standard roses, while the larger declines were in shade trees and coniferous evergreens, one of about 8 per cent and the other 10 per cent.

In retail prices, coniferous evergreens held steady and broadleaved evergreens almost did so, while deciduous shrubs rose markedly from 305 to 380, but other categories showed declines.

In mail-order prices, shade trees, deciduous shrubs and standard roses all showed gains, but coniferous evergreens dropped about 10 per cent and deciduous fruits more than 20 per cent, while other categories held about even.

The number of catalogs included in the survey in the three different [Concluded on page 74]

DIRECT DISTANCE DIALING

Announcement from telephone offices is that direct distance dialing will begin June 18, at any rate in many areas of the country. Already direct dialing of long-distance calls has been made to many points where area numbers have already been supplied to telephone users. The list of many such area code numbers appears in new telephone directories.

The United States and Canada have been divided into more than 100 geographical areas, to each of which has been assigned a distinctive 3-digit area code.

For Chicago and vicinity the area code is 312. There has been no change in the local telephone number of the American Nurseryman, which is WAbash 2-9011, and persons in Chicago and the immediate vicinity will continue to call that local number. But persons wishing to make a long-distance call to the American Nurseryman can do so without calling the operator by dialing the code number 312 and then the local number WA 2-9011.

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International Rhododendron Meeting

Portland, Ore., Plays Host to First Conference Held in the United States

By Charles H. Potter

A program featuring speakers on a group of important aspects of rhododendron growing and excellent tour opportunities in the area combined to make the first international thododendron conference ever held in the United States a highly successful event at Portland, Ore., birthplace of the American Rhododendron Society, May 11 to 14. Among the major topics for discussion at the sessions, held in the Multnomah hotel and attended by over 400 horticulturists, including many from foreign countries, were recommendations of rhododendrons for the west coast, diseases of the plants in the northwest, varieties for colder climates, rhododendrons in other countries, mulches, classification of native rhododendrons in the United States and breeding developments in the United States, the lastnamed being a symposium with five speakers. Several nurserymen took part in the program.

Election

Results of the election of officers for the American Rhododendron Society, held at a business meeting during the conference, were announced at a dinner Saturday evening, May 13. Re-elected were: President, Dr. J. Harold Clarke, Long Beach, Wash.; vice-president, E. B. Dunn, Seattle, Wash., and secretary-treasurer, Ruth M. Hansen, Portland, Ore. Their terms began immediately.

Directors elected were Howard Stonecker, Oak Grove, Ore.: Dr. Carl Phetteplace, Eugene, Ore.; Maurice Sumner, San Francisco, Calif.; Russ Coovert, Tacoma, Wash.; Robert Bovee, Portland, and Wales Wood, St. Helens, Ore.

John Henny, president of the Portland chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, a nurseryman of Brooks, Ore., led a news conference the first morning of the meeting, which was attended by the leading horticulturists present. At the same time, President Clarke, who operates a nursery and horticultural consultant service at Long Beach, Wash., was taking part in a dedication ceremony held at the national rhododendron test garden, at Crystal Springs in Portland. Albert Martin, Philadelphia, Pa., rhodogendron hosbwiist, donated an engage of the property of the property



Dr. J. Harold Clark (extreme right), president of the American Rhododendron Society, shown at the international rhododendron conference at Portland, Ore., with three of the conference speakers (left to right), Dr. H. T. Skinner, John Henry and P. H. (Jock) Brydon.

trance garden in the name of his wife, Jane.

The first session was open to the public, and the Empire room was jammed for the occasion. Thereafter the sessions were open only to those who were registered. President Clarke opened the conference, especially thanking those who had come from distant lands in order to join in the exchange of rhododendron information afforded by the meeting.

P. H. (Jock) Brydon, director of the Strybing Arboretum, San Francisco, Calif., a Salem., Ore., nurseryman until 1960, was the first speaker and used scores of fine colored slides to illustrate a talk on "Rhododendron and Azalea Varieties for the West Coast." Although rhododendrons and azaleas will grow in other parts of the Pacific coast, the following areas were given as best for their culture: Carmel bay and San Francisco bay areas and on up the California coast to Eureka; the Medford valley, Willamette valley and coastal areas of Oregon; coastal area and Puget sound area of

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Martin, Philadelphia, Pa., rhododendron hobbyist, donated an endendron hobbyist, donated an en-

Spring Favorable for Most Wholesalers

Sales Levels Generally Satisfactory Despite Digging Problems, April Slowdown

A majority of the wholesalers reporting on this year's spring trade in the east and midwest tell of a satisfactory season, with gains in volume in a few instances setting a record. Early, regular sales were normal, with wet weather causing some digging problems. A cold April brought a slowdown, generally, as lessened consumer buying curtailed reorders.

Serious winter losses of stock were reported in the Philadelphia area, but elsewhere little damage is cited. Stock was apparently adequate, but not in surplus. Fruit sales in Michigan were up; fruit items also sold well in Iowa, with evergreens. Better items were in demand throughout the area, although rose sales were reported lower. A few indications of moderately increased plantings are noted, and present growing conditions are said to be good.

The price problem continues to worry growers, with costs rising but competition making advances in stock prices difficult. In consequence, stable prices are seen as likely. The labor supply was not a general problem

The cool season encouraged expectation of a longer period of spring ordering, and optimism for fall business was evident.

New York Sales Off

"It seems to me that the weather and a possible recession have taken their toll on the nursery business this year," writes C. H. Perkins, Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, N. Y. He adds, "Sales with us have been off, both wholesale and retail, and most of the nurserymen with whom I have talked seem to have the same experience.

"As to the future, providing the economic situation improves, I believe the business will come back to normal, as there is not an oversupply of stock coming on."

Pennsylvania Weather Slows Sales

S. B. Hutton, Jr., Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa., comments:

"This has been a mixed spring and a confusing one. Mail-order business is ending up slightly below that of a year ago, but a year ago was nothing to brag about, either. Cashand-carry trade at this time is exactly equal to last year's, but showing a tendency to slow up earlier than usual. Wholesale trade is down

somewhat, largely because of a slowing in late demand.

"Expenses continue to climb, and we see no possibility of a reduction in the prices we charge, even though some other operators seem to thrive on the 29-cent rose business.

"We have had no problem in obtaining sufficient help and no particular upset in production this spring. Weather in the east has been

IOWA APPOINTMENT



Dr. John P. Mahlstede

The appointment of Dr. John P. Mahlstede as head of the department of horticulture at Iowa State University's college of agriculture, Ames, Ia., was announced recently by Floyd Andre, dean of the college. A native of Ohio, Dr. Mahlstede received his B. S. degree from Miami (O.) University and his master's and doctor's degrees from Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Since joining the Iowa State staff in 1951, he has been in charge of nursery research and responsible for the teaching work on plant propagation, taking over as acting head of the department on the recent death of Dr. E. S. Haber. He was instrumental in the development of polyethylene wraps for packaging dormant materials, now used through the United States, and of the technique of holding dormant materials in frozen storage. For his research accomplishments, he has been cited by the National Mail Order Nurserymen's Association and the American Association of Nurserymen.

Dr. Mahlstede is co-author, with the late Dr. Haber, of "Plant Propagation," a textbook used extensively in colleges, and the author of many scientific articles.

peculiar and undoubtedly has hurt sales. A severe winter reduced mailorder sales and damaged considerable nursery stock throughout the area. (We were among the fortunate few). March was relatively good for mail-order and cash-and-carry trade, but a cold April hurt cash-and-carry business badly through the east, and even now, in mid-May, abnormally cool, wet weather is discouraging to the consumer.

"I might summarize by saying the only thing good about the sales is that they weren't any worse!"

Business Down but Pent-Up

Winter damage to stock and a cold spring restricted sales this year, but good demand remains a backlog for fall, declares Charles B. Staton, Possum Hollow Nurseries, Philadelphia, Pa., who gives the following season resume:

"The severe damage to stock suffered by almost all nurseries in the Philadelphia area during the past winter still cannot be accurately estimated. Many of the good broadleaved varieties were particularly hard hit, as was the usually hardy taxus family, many in well-developed landscape sizes that ordinarily stand almost anything.

"In addition to this heavy loss of salable stock, much of which had been sold and reserved, we all have been greatly handicapped by a late spring, which kept many people away from the nursery. Garden marts have been especially hard hit by the continuing inclement weather, as their season is usually shorter than that of the producing nursery.

"Volume will not equal last year's, largely due to this unseasonable weather, but at this writing (May 25) the weather is improving and all phases of nursery activity are going along at full speed, with plenty of pent-up demand for quality stock at good prices.

"Labor is adequate and dependable, and the big job now is to clean up winter damage and get the nursery back in good shape for fall sales, which will be excellent, due to improving business conditions and the backlog of good orders that could not be completed this spring."

Satisfactory Connecticut Start

"Because of extremely wet weather, the season has been difficult," writes E. D. Robinson, E. D. Robin[Continued on page 55]

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THURSDAY, JULY 13 9:00 A.M.—A. A. N. board of directors, Massachusetts room.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

9:00 A.M.—A. A. N. board of directors, Massachusetts room. 9:00 A.M.—Ornamental Growers' Association, stock committee, Silver room.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

9:00 A.M.—A. A. N. board of directors, Massachusetts room. 9:00 A.M.—All-America Rose Selections board, Caucus room (fourth floor).

9:00 A.M.—Ornamental Growers' Association, Ohio room.

1:00 P.M.—National Landscape Nurserymen's Association, board of directors, Silver room.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

9:00 A.M.—National Landscape Nurserymen's Association board of directors, Silver room.

9:00 A.M.—All-America Rose Selections, California room. 10.00 A.M.—A. A. N. group insurance trustees, Caucus room

(fourth floor). A. N. convention site committee, Caucus room (fourth floor). 2:00 P.M.—A.

2:00 P.M.—A. A. N. market development and publicity committee, New York room.

2:00 P.M.—Nursery Association Secretaries, Ohio room.

8:00 P.M.—Naryland-Virginia night. Special Maryland and Virginia refreshments; entertainment and dancing.

Courtesy Virginia Nurserymen's Association and Maryland Nurserymen's Association.

MONDAY, JULY 17

8:00 A.M.—Garden center committee breakfast, Hideaway bar. 9:00 A.M.—National Association of Plant Patent Owners, California room.

9:00 A.M.—National Mail Order Nurserymen's Association, Pan-American room.

9:00 A.M.—A. A. N. delegate meetings: Caucus, region I, Massachusetts room. Caucus, region II, New York room.

Caucus, region III, Ohio room.

Caucus, region IV, Executive suite (room 456).
Caucus, region V, Silver room.
Caucus, region VI, Caucus room (fourth floor).

12:00 M. —Keynote luncheon, Presidential ballroom and Congressional room

"The Sum of the Digits," by Dr. Richard P. White, executive vice-president.

Norman Jay Colman award presentation.
Garden writers' award presentation.
2:30 P.M.—General business session, Congressional room.

Call to order.

Report of credentials committee. Certification and roll call of delegates.

2:40 P.M.—President's address, by Vincent K. Bailey

3:00 P.M.—Treasurer's report and presentation of 1961-62 A. A. N. budget, by A. S. Gresham, Jr.
3:20 P.M.—A. A. N. staff reports:

Project report, by F. Raymond Brush. Legislative report, by Robert F. Lederer. Secretary's report, by Curtis H. Porterfield.

4:30 P.M.—Presentation of gavels.

4:35 P.M.—Presentation of proposed bylaws amendments. 4:45 P.M.—Presentation of policy statements.

4:50 P.M.-Nominations: Directors, regions II, IV, VI and at large; president, vice-president and two trustees (one to complete the unexpired term of Lester C. Lovett).

5:00 P.M.—Adjournment.

9:00 P.M.—Hospitality night, Presidential ballroom. Refreshments and dancing

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9:00 A.M.-American Nurserymen's Protective Association, Massachusetts room.

9:00 A.M.—Educational program sponsored jointly by the A. A. N. garden center committee and the National Landcape Nurserymen's Association, Congressional room. (See special program under Coming Events.)
12:00 M. —General luncheon, Presidential ballroom.

2:00 P.M.—Garden center education program. (See special pro-

gram under Coming Events.)

2:30 P.M.—National Arboretum tour. (See special program under Coming Events.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:00 A.M.—National Landscape Nurserymen's Association, board of directors' breakfast, Caucus room (fourth floor).

9:00 A.M.—General business session, Congressional room. Call to order.

Roll call of delegates.

9:10 A.M.—Market development and publicity report and presentation of 1961-62 market development and publicity budget—Robert Bauge, chairman, and Howard P. Quadland, director of public information.
10:00 A.M.—"The Past Presidents' Parade," a special film.

11:00 A.M.—Election of officers.

11:15 A.M.—Adjournment for lunch.

12:15 P.M.-Special exhibitors' luncheon (by invitation only), Pan-American room.

2:00 P.M.—General business session. Call to order.

Roll call of delegates.

2:10 P.M.-Report of necrology committee, by Fred H. Kilner.

2:30 P.M.—Report of special committees:

1961 A. A. N. convention, by Wendall Winn, general chairman.

Convention site committee:

1963—region VI, by Wayne McGill. 1964—region I, by A. L. Synesael.

2:50 P.M.—Unfinished business.
Re-affirm standing A. A. N. policies.
Action on A. A. N. bylaws amendments.

1961-62 General budget.

1961-62 Market development and publicity budget. Confirmation of Denver, Colo., as 1962 A. A. N. convention site.

1962 A. A. N. convention invitation, by Scott Wilmore,

general chairman. Invitations for 1965 and subsequent years.

4:00 P.M.-Adjournment.

7:30 P.M.—Past presidents' banquet, Presidential ballroom and Congressional room. Dancing.

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Discuss Industry Trends At Texas Short Course

By A. F. DeWerth

More than 100 trade members attended the annual short course for commercial nurserymen at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, May 21 to 23 to hear a program that featured talks on nursery automation and other significant trends in the trade today and offered practical information on cultural practices, pest and disease control and recent turf

During the first afternoon of the course, Sunday, May 21, nurserymen were given an opportunity to tour research facilities and work now in progress at the college, including studies on production cost development, propagation, use of standardized growing media, automatic environmental control and automatic watering devices. After a barbecue dinner was served in the new floriculture field laboratory, the nurserymen viewed a demonstration of a new tree and shrub-digging machine.

Texas Nursery Potential

The first meeting on the second day was opened and led by B. R. Fullingim, executive secretary of the Texas Association of Nurserymen. Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture, outlined the developments and potentials of nursery products in Texas and emphasized the industry's urgent need for a greater number of well-trained personnel. He outlined the research efforts being directed toward the problems of nurserymen at the Texas agricultural experiment station and urged nurserymen to take full advantage of this program.

Alvis Vandygriff, attorney, Austin, Tex., then discussed various Texas and federal laws affecting nurserymen and their operations. He also outlined the accomplishments of the Texas Association of Nurserymen in the area of legal and tax problems, stating that nurserymen should become acquainted with their legislators so that they can keep them well informed of the economic importance of the industry to the general economy of the area.

Pathologists Needed

The next speaker was Dr. Harlan Smith, plant pathologist, Texas agricultural extension service, who cited the need for more well-trained plant pathologists to meet the growing demands of the state's home gardeners. Dr. Smith illustrated his talk with colored slides of the 40 most prevalent diseases of ornamentals in Texas and their controls. He stated

that 70 per cent of all the inquiries on plant diseases received by the extension service concerned ornamental plants.

C. H. Garner, extension entomologist, followed Dr. Smith on the program and outlined, in detail, controls for major pests attacking trees and shrubs and the control of plant pests about the home grounds. Mr. Garner supplied all those present with mimeographed data on the three major classes of controls he discussed.

Dr. W. H. Thames, nematologist, Texas agricultural experiment station, then discussed the subject of nematodes and their relationship to nursery operations. He stated that, while nematodes have been in existence a long time, the damage they create in the industry has only begun to be noticed in recent years.

At the present time, the responsibility of the nurseryman to supply his customers with pest-free plants makes the understanding of nematodes and the damage they can do a most important problem.

Dr. Thames emphasized that control programs for nematodes must start before the plants go into the ground—with the use of nematode-free stock. He illustrated his remarks with excellent slides of types of nematode and the results they produce on a host of plants. He also discussed in detail the controls now available for these pests.

Paul Gregg, entomologist, Klaus White Chemical Co., San Antonio, then acted as moderator of a panel discussion on specific problems of

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Participants in the nursery short course program held last month at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station: Left to right (front row), Dr. Ethan C. Holt, Texas agricultural experiment station; Robert Suggs, Suggs Landscape Co., Houston; Dr. John Long, Texas agricultural experiment station; Tom Scarbrough, Tom's Tree Place, Lubbock, and Paul Gregg, Klaus White Chemical Co., San Antonio; (back row), Scott Mosty, Mosty Bros. Nursery, Center Point; Dr. Richard Harris, University of California at Davis; W. P. Nuffer, Mountain View Nurseries, Troutdale, Ore., and Ralph Griffing, Griffing Nurseries, Beaumont.

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"Keys to Success" Is Florida Theme

By E. W. McElwee

Keys to success in the nursery business was the theme of the convention of the Florida Growers' and Nurserymen's Association held May 18 to 20 at Miami Beach, Fla. Various speakers stressed different factors, such as effective merchandising, collection of accounts, hidden costs, the ability to convey ideas to people and establishment of goals for a business. A large trade show was also featured.

Attendance at the convention, held at the Deauville hotel, exceeded 450, and the program combined vacation features with business sessions. An announcement that the 1962 convention will be held in the Grand Bahamas was enthusiastically received.

Election

N. Curtis Peterson, Jr., Peterson Nurseries, Lakeland, was named president for the ensuing year, succeeding Verne Buck, John's, Apopka. Other officers elected were: Vicepresidents, Ray Oglesby, Oglesby Nursery, Hollywood; Charles Chaplin, Chaplin Florist & Nurseries, Miami, and Charles Culbreath, Culbreath Landscape & Nursery, Tampa. Directors at large elected for one year were Paul Long, Rain Forest Nurseries, Altamonte Springs, and Broward Crews, Blair's Nurseries, Macclenny. Elected to serve two years were Mike Broche, M. J. Broche Nursery & Greenhouses, Apopka, and William Ingram, W. C. Ingram Nursery, Homestead. Roy Rood, Rood Landscape Co., Jupiter, installed the officers at the past presidents' banquet May 20.

At an American Association of Nurserymen's breakfast session May 20, Lawrence Clements, Bartow, was elected to succeed Richard Johnson, Largo, Fla., as president of the Florida chapter. An honored guest for the occasion was A. S. Gresham, Jr., Richmond, Va., treasurer of the A. A. N.

Cost Discussion

Members attending the Thursday afternoon session for nurserymen and landscape men received valuable information on handling two vexing and ever-present problems—costs and collection. C. G. Demro, Jr., certified public accountant, listed some frequently overlooked costs and what to do about them in his discussion of "Hidden Costs in Nursery Management." J. J.



Officers elected at the recent convention of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association held at Miami Beach, Fla.: Left to right (seated), N. Curtis Peterson, Jr., new president, and Verne Buck, retiring president; (standing) Charles Culbreath, vice-president; Ray Oglesby, vice-president; Charles Chaplin, vice-president, and James Griffin, executive secretary.

Sexton, Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., followed with a discussion of "Collections — Solve Your Balance-due Blues." He pointed out that the timely use of proved methods of collection meant money in the pocket of a nurseryman.

Tom Stansbery, Tom Stansbery Growers, Miami, presided over the Thursday afternoon session for foliage growers. Dr. E. W. McElwes department of ornamental horticulture, University of Florida, opened the meeting with a discussion of "Recent Research Concerning Foliage Plants." He summarized work on soil mixtures, fertilization practices, propagation, culture and weed control in foliage plant and some related crops. The two excellent sources of information recommended to Florida growers by Dr. McElwee were the annual report of the Florida agricultural experiment station and the proceedings of the Florida State Horticultural Society.

The subject of diseases of foliage [Continued on page 41]



Left to right, N. Curtis Peterson, Jr., newly elected president of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association; A. S. Gresham, Jr., Richmond, Va., A. A. N. treasurer; Richard Johnson, Largo, retiring president of the Florida chapter of the A. A. N., and Lawrence Clements, Bartow, new chapter president.

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Illustration A — The bark of the Osage orange has a woven effect.



Illustration B — Multiple stems display the sycamore's attractive bark.



Illustration C — Older sycamore trunks show a chalky whiteness.

Tips for Better Landscapes

Tree Barks Add Interest and Color

By Clarence E. Lewis

Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

This article was to have been on variations of hemlock and their adaptation to the American landscape. A change has become necessary. So much co-operation from nurserymen and plant collectors is in progress that it seems best to wait until all material is assembled before continuing. It is gratifying to know that people are so willing to give of their experiences.

The bark of many trees could be more important in the landscape if nurserymen would study them more so as to be able to inform clients of the value of this character and of the changes in appearance from tree youth to maturity. The same species may undergo several bark changes. The coloration, too, may vary over a period of years, but the changes are generally more apparent in tones and textures.

Narrow-Ridged Bark

Let us look at a few examples. The bark of the Osage orange (Maclura pomifera) in illustration A is intriguing because of the formation of the narrow ridges. There

is a pattern in some instances where the ridges are exactly spaced, as shown at the bottom of the illustration, but near the middle and upper part of the branch the narrow, ribbonlike ridges are irregularly formed, so that they even cross one another. The crevices of the Osage orange bark are orange or orange brown, which provides the necessary contrast. This "ribbony" pattern persists as the trunk enlarges, but on a coarser scale and with less orangebrown coloration.

I realize that the Osage orange is



Illustration D—The London plane trunk has more blending of colors and tones than that of the American plane.



Illustration E—The twisted and curved many stems of Platanus acerifolia add much interest in the landscape.



Illustration F—The thick bark of black walnut, with its coarse texture, suggests strength and ruggedness.

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Illustration G — The hackberry, or wineberry, develops scaly, kernel-like protuberances over its gray trunk.

not a tree to be planted on the properties of most homeowners, but it is often present, and one should utilize its best features. The latter do not include the large, green, brainlike milky fruits nor the ambitious basal stems of so many trees.

The most famous tree valued for its bark could be the sycamore, or plane tree (platanus). The native buttonwood, or sycamore (Platanus occidentalis), has a bark that is reddish brown to light tan and separates into scales, or plates, that may be gray to tan to white.

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In illustration B the American plane tree is growing with multiple stems, which is not unusual, particularly in moist woodlands where this species is often found. Sometimes the plant may develop as many as six or more main stems. As one person described it, with six stems one has six times as much interesting bark as with a single-trunked tree—maybe so.

Plane Trees' Mottled Bark

The tone values and mottling that appear in illustration C are typical of the eastern American species of plane tree, Platanus occidentalis. A good bit of white creeps into this maze of shapes and colorations.

The bark of the London plane tree (Platanus acerifolia) shows a greater blending of tones and colors than the American plane tree. The colors range from green to tan to brown, and a bit of greenish yellow-but not white. Look at illustration D and compare it with illustration C, of the American plane tree, and then contrast the multiple-stemmed London plane tree shown in illustration E with the three straighter stems of Platanus occidentalis (illustration B). They are all interesting—and different. The latter is particularly true of stems that are 12 inches in



Illustration H — The honey locust bark is somewhat cherrylike, because of its lateral lenticels.

diameter or more, regardless of species.

A certain coarse texture is evident in the winter and this becomes more apparent during the growing season, when the large, broad leaves are added to the trees' attractions. The bark of the American plane tree seems a bit messier than that of the London plane tree (Platanus acerifolia). The latter species does not shed its bark so profusely as the American, and neither is too much of a maintenance problem when the trees are mature specimens. Both produce ball-like fruits that can make lawn mowing more difficult.

Not many persons think of the black walnut bark as being a dramatically attractive landscape feature, and it probably is not. The coarsely ridged bark—dark brown to dark gray tingled with red—has a rugged appearance (illustration F). This trunk measures 23 inches in



Illustration J — The main trunk of the basswood (Tilia americana) develops a bark with broken vertical lines.



Illustration I — Gray ridges of uniform width characterize the bark of American arborvitae.

diameter, and the tree is not a large one, as black walnuts go.

Has Rugged Appearance

The bark is often two to three inches thick on old trees, and this thickness and coarseness persist into the larger stems. As one views a large specimen from a hundred or more feet away, he gets an impression of ruggedness, a suggestion of ruggedness, a suggestion of animal strength, from the far-reaching, dark, curved branches. In spring and summer this is all softened by the appearance of the pendulous, compound leaves.

Although it is not the most desirable of trees, the hackberry, wineberry or sugarberry (Celtis occidentalis) has an interesting and changeable bark. On a young tree, the light gray, smooth bark reminds one somewhat of American beech bark. This gradually changes as kernel

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Illustration K — The ragged bark of the hop hornbeam peels off in strips that vary only slightly in width.

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Honor Four Rose Firms For 1962 Introductions

Four of the country's leading nurseries were honored at a special luncheon at New York city May 24 for their development and introduction of the four All-America roses for 1962. All-America Rose Selections, Inc., presented the awards to the firms, at the same time introducing the public to the new roses.

The nurseries honored and their winning introductions were Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa., with Christian Dior, an iridescent crimson and scarlet hybrid tea; Peterson & Dering, Scappoose, Ore., with Golden Slippers, a fluorescent orange and gold floribunda; Armstrong Nurseries, Inc., Ontario, Calif., with John S. Armstrong, a velvety, deep red grandiflora, and Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, N. Y., with King's Ransom, a chrome-yellow hybrid tea.

The nurseries honored for development of the 1962 winners have been consistent contributors to the A. A. R. S. honor roll. S. B. Hutton, Jr., vice-president of the Conard-Pyle Co., accepted the award honoring his firm's 11th All-America rose. The award accepted by E. P. Dering, president of Peterson & Dering, represents a milestone in the firm's long history of contributing fine roses to the American garden. It is the first All-America rose award achieved by this rose nursery

The leading firm in All-America honors is Armstrong Nurseries, Inc., the general manager of which, David S. Stump, accepted the 17th award the firm has won. Following close is the Jackson & Perkins Co.; President Charles H. Perkins accepted the 16th All-America award his firm has won since introduction of the awards in 1940.

Paul W. Howard, Howards of Hemet, Hemet, Calif., president of All-America Rose Selections, predicted at the luncheon that Americans will buy a record-breaking 50,-000,000 rose plants within the next 12 months. Amateur rose gardeners, Mr. Howard said, will spend \$150 million on all rose plants, an increase of 10 per cent over last year's figure. Garden rosebush sales alone will account for nearly 15 per cent of the big over-all volume of general nursery stock, which is expected to exceed \$1 billion for the second straight year. Forty per cent of the rose volume, he added, will be plants selected as All-America Rose Selections winners. The 1962 All-America roses will chalk up a sale of 2,000,000 plants, marking an all-time record for first-year plant sales, Mr. Howard said.

At San Francisco

The All-America Rose Selections for 1962 were announced to the San Francisco bay area print and broadcast garden editors at a luncheon held at the Fairmont hotel Tucsday, May 23. John A. Armstrong, Jr., described the development of Armstrong Nurseries' award-winning John S. Armstrong, Clarence Perkins

introduced the Jackson & Perkins Co.'s King's Ransom. Speaking for Peterson & Dering's Golden Slippers was John Hahn, Ruehl-Wheeler Nursery, San Jose. Clyde Stocking, Stocking Rose Nursery, San Jose, representing the Conard-Pyle Co., presented a bouquet of Christian Dior roses to Miss Rita Lucas, from Magnin's fashion store, who was dressed in a Dior original.

Other A. A. R. S. members present were George Roeding, Jr., California Nursery Co., Niles, and Dr. Walter Lammerts, Germain's, Livermore.

After the luncheon, Messrs. Armstrong and Perkins went to the studios of radio station KNBC to tape a program with Bill Adams for broadcast during his regular Saturday noon show June 3.

At the luncheon, Bart Rolph, San Francisco recreation and park department, announced that largely as a result of his attendance at these A. A. R. S. meetings and co-operation of the group the city is reestablishing the Rose Garden in Golden Gate park. Thanks to 12 rose growers, there are over 1,000 plants now in the 11/2-acre garden. The purpose is twofold-to grow roses that will do well in San Francisco and those which it is thought will do well, plus all the All-America winners. San Francisco has a difficult rose-growing climate.

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Receiving the A. A. R. S. award plaque for their firms' introduction of 1962 All-American Rose Selections winners from Paul J. Howard (center), president of All-America Rose Selections, Inc., at a recent promotional luncheon held at New York city, are (left to right) Charles H. Perkins; E. P. Dering; Sidney B. Hutton, Jr., and David S. Stump.

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tion, which was designed to aid members in solving the problems of landscape project bidding. Mr. Shatwell, for many years head of landscape architecture for the

HEAR BID DISCUSSION

William Shatwell, Barrington, Ill., and William Rose, Hinsdale, moderated an educational program at the May meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Landscapers Associa-

United States Army corps of engineers, and Mr. Rose, in private business, worked with the C. M. L. A. education committee, headed by "Hub" Tures, Des Plaines nurseryman, in handling the program.

The members were given a typical landscape bidding project, while Mr. Shatwell and Mr. Rose worked separately, according to the methods of their respective organizations, to arrive at a proper cost estimate.

Bidding was based on the unit price of sodding, seeding, trees, labor, etc. The architects, through their different means of computing costs, arrived at approximately the same figure.

Mr. Shatwell noted that in a real bidding situation, it was essential to study the job firsthand to catch the hidden factors. Other points to

remember in bidding are maintenance of the job after completion, labor costs, equipment costs and transportation of equipment.

The landscape men submitted figures that averaged close to the cost estimates settled on by the landscape architects.

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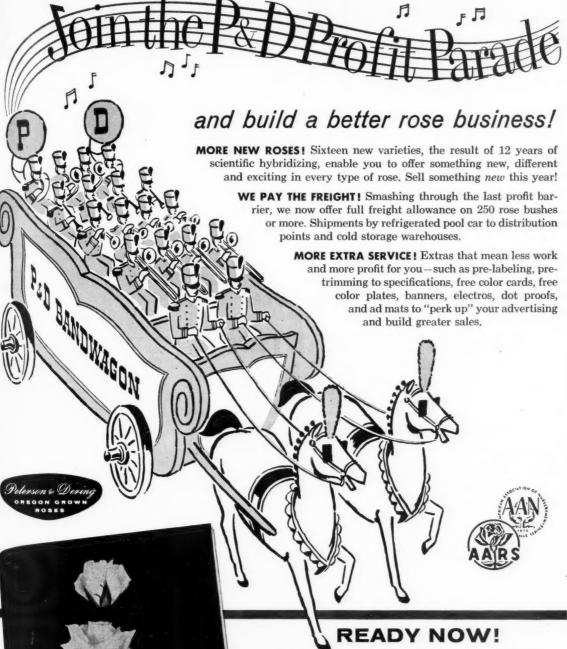
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MEETING CALENDAR

June 15 and 16-Short course for Florida nurserymen and growers, University of Florida, Gainesville.

June 16-Landscape Materials Information Service, summer meeting, Allenberry "On the Yellow Breeches," Boiling Springs, Pa.

June 19 to 21-Kentucky Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Ken-Lake hotel, Kentucky Lake state park, Hardin, Ky.

June 19 to 24-Advanced management conference, Syracuse University's Minnowbrook conference center.

June 20 to 23—Western chapter, Na-tional Shade Tree Conference, Univer-sity of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

June 24 to 26-Mississippi Florists' and Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Heidelberg hotel, Jackson, Miss.

June 25 to 27-Plains Nurserymen's Association and New Mexico Association of Nurserymen, joint convention, Skies motel, Albuquerque, N. M.

June 25 to 27-Missouri State Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Holiday Inn motel, Columbia, Mo.

July 5-Connecticut Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Lake Compounce, Bristol, Conn.

July 9 to 12-Canadian Association of Nurserymen, 38th annual meeting, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

July 10 to 12 — American Society of Landscape Architects, annual meeting, Harvest House hotel, Boulder, Colo.

July 11-Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association, western region, summer meeting, Eisler Nurseries, Butler, Pa.

July 13-Ohio chapter, National Shade Tree Conference, summer meeting, Cumberland, O.

July 15—New York State Arborist Association and Western New York Arborists Association, combined summer meeting, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

July 15 to 20-American Association of Nurserymen, annual convention, Stat-ler Hilton hotel, Washington, D. C.

July 25 and 26-Michigan landscape and nursery conference, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing,

August 1 and 2-Indiana Association of Nurserymen, summer meeting, Evansville, Ind.

August 1 to 3 - Illinois State Nurserymen's Association, short course, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill.

August 2 — Massachusetts Nursery-men's Association, summer meeting, H. V. Lawrence, Inc., Falmouth, Mass.

August 2—New Jersey Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Howe Nurseries, Pennington, N. J.

August 2 to 4-West Virginia Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, West Virginian hotel, Bluefield, W. Va.

August 6 to 8-National Mail Order Nurserymen's Association, annual meeting, Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill.

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August 15 to 17-Ohio Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Lake Hope state park, Zaleski, O.

August 17 - New England Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Boulevard Nurseries, Newport, R. I.

August 20 to 23—Texas Association of Nurserymen, annual convention, Galvez

hotel, Galveston, Tex.
August 20 to 25—National Shade Tree Conference, annual convention, Leamington hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

SOUTHWEST MEETING

Program details for the annual convention of the Plains Nurserymen's Association and the New Mexico Association of Nurserymen, holding joint sessions at the Western Skies motel, Albuquerque, N. M., June 25 to 27, have been released by Mrs. Harold D. Means, secretarytreasurer, as follows:

JUNE 25

1 p. m.-Registration.

p. m.-Plains Nurserymen's Association board of directors' meeting.

7:30 p. m.-Ice-breaker party, ball-

JUNE 26

9 a. m .- "Turf Growth," by Ralph Callaway.

10:30 a. m.—"Credit and the Nurseryman," by James R. Gray, New Mexico State University, University Park.

12 m.—Joint luncheon.

2 p. m.—"Systemic Insecticides," by John R. Durken, New Mexico State University.

6:30 p. m.-Buffet supper; informal

JUNE 27

9 a. m .- "Supplying Cut-Price Markets," panel discussion.

10:30 a. m.—Separate meetings of the Plains Nurserymen's Association and the New Mexico Association of Nurserymen. Lunch.

1:30 p. m.—Joint meeting.

7:30 p. m.-Banquet and dancing.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Arrangements for the educational program in connection with the 86th annual convention of the American Association of Nurserymen at Washington, D. C., July 15 to 20, follow the general plan scheduled last year. The two groups involved, the A. A. N. garden center committee and men's National Landscape Nursery Association, will again hold one session jointly, the morning of July 18. Then in the afternoon, after a general lunch, while a special garden center program is presented, a tour to the National Arboretum will MAN phis, nagerence

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be the feature for the landscape nurserymen. Speakers and their topics at the sessions scheduled in the Congressional room are as follows:

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9 a. m.-Welcome and orientation, by Jack Schneider, Orchard Nursery, Lafay-ette, Calif., chairman, A. A. N. garden center committee.
"Stay in the Game," by Jack Sieben-

thaler, Florida Nursery & Landscape Co., Cocoa, Fla.

"Ideas Make Nurserymen Great," by Dr. G. Herbert True, vice-president, Vis-ual Research, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

12 m.-General luncheon, Presidential hallroom.

GARDEN CENTER PROGRAM

2 p. m.—Address, by D. Murray Frank-lin, editor and publisher, House & Gar-den Supply Merchandiser, Towson, Md.

3:15 p. m.—Recess. 3:30 p. m.—Garden center panel, with Jack Schneider as moderator and Jack Siebenthaler; Hiram Johnson, Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa., and D. Murray Franklin as panel members.

4:30 p. m.-Adjournment.

ARBORETUM TOUR

2:30 p. m.—Buses leave Statler Hilton hotel for tour of the National Arboretum. 5 p. m .- Buses return to the Statler Hilton hotel.

MISSOURI SUMMER MEET

Members of the Missouri Nurserymen's Association will convene at the Holiday Inn, Columbia, Mo., June 25 to 27 for their annual summer meeting, according to D. F. Millikan, secretary-treasurer. Featured talks on the business program concern cost analysis and motivation research. The complete schedule fol-

JUNE 25

6:30 p. m.-Mixer and snack buffet. Entertainment.

JUNE 26 8:30 a. m.—Women's breakfast, with Sarcoxie Nurseries, Sarcoxie, Mo., hosts. Men's breakfast, no host.

9:30 a. m.—Registration. 10 a. m.—"Cost Analysis," by Roy A. Wilhelmsen, Arthur Anderson, accountant firm, Kansas City.

11 a. m.-Discussion of cost analysis. 12 m.-Lunch. R. A. Schroeder, chairman of the department of horticulture, University of Missouri, Columbia, master

of ceremonies. "World Affairs," by True D. Morse, United States under-secretary of former

agriculture.

2:30 p. m.—Afternoon free for tours, golf, swimming, television production, style show, tea and visiting. 6 p. m.—Cocktail hour, courtesy Mount

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speaker.

JUNE 27

4:30 a. m.—Early morning golf. 9:30 a. m.—"Motivation Research," by Thomas Danbury, school of journal-ism, University of Missouri.

10:30 a. m.—Discussion period. 11:30 a. m .- State meeting and adjournment.

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A noon luncheon will be followed by a business meeting. Wives and children are welcomed, and there will be many activities for them.

NEW YORK ARBORISTS' DATE

July 15 has been chosen as the date for the combined summer field meeting and tour of the New York State Arborist Association and the Western New York Arborists Association, according to Frank E. Karpick, secretary-treasurer of the New York state association. Buses will leave the Hyde Park Administration building, Niagara Falls, N. Y., at 9 a. m. for the school of horticulture at Niagara Falls, Canada. The Niagara parks commission will furnish guides to explain points of interest along the scheduled bus route, including grounds of the hydropower plant of Canada, Oakes Garden Theater and Queen Victoria park and conservatory. Association meetings will be held after a box lunch Brock's monument, at Queenston Heights park. An additional feature of the program at the end of the day is an optional bus trip through the New York state power authority project.

LILY SOCIETY MEETING

The annual meeting of the North American Lily Society will be held in conjunction with the 14th annual international lily show, which is being staged at the Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill, N. C., June 30 and July 1.

The program will include the election and installation of officers and talks on many phases of lily growing by recognized lily experts, including Jan de Graaff, Oregon Bulb Farms, Gresham, Ore.; Prof. George Slate, New York state experimental station, Geneva, N. Y.; Dr. George Doak, president of the N. A. L. S., Chapel Hill, N. C.; George Holland, Toronto, Canada; Prof. A. M. Showalter, Harrisonburg, Va.; Earl Hornbeck, Oregon Bulb Farms, and Dr. S. L. Emsweller, United States Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md.

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MINNESOTA DEDICATION

The new main entrance gateway to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum was dedicated June 3, according to L. C. Snyder, head of the University of Minnesota horticulture department. John Voight, Milwaukee, president of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums, was the featured speaker at the dedication ceremony, which was followed by tours of the arboretum.

Funds for the entrance and for the landscape planting around the entrance were donated by the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club. Edwin Lundie, St. Paul architect, created the design. The main entrance gateway is the first permanent structure to be built in the arboretum.

NEW SITE FOR OLD HOLLY

A 35-foot, 150-year-old American holly tree recently was moved to the center of the parking lot of the new Vienna, Va., shopping center. The move, 800 yards from its former location, was undertaken by Lewinsville Nursery, Inc., McLean, and financed by Greenhoot Fischer, Washington, D. C., developers and owners of the shopping center. The tree was first planted in 1865 by a Union Army officer.

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Reflections on the Problems of Nurserymen

By E. Sam Hemming

INSTRUMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE NURSERYMEN

In the offices of landscape nurserymen across the country the personnel has varying degrees of formal education, as well as of practical experience. Some firms are equipped both to design and to execute landscape designs, while others concentrate on landscape contracting. Regardless of the emphasis of the firm, it is important that the office be well equipped for two reasons. First, accuracy and efficiency save time and money. Second, a better impression is made on customers. From observation, it would seem that the well-equipped office is more likely the exception than the

It is not necessary that the equipment enable one to make a precise land survey. On the other hand, improper and inaccurate measuring is poor workmanship and can be expensive. Often the only equipment employed is a tape measure, which, although necessary, is not enough. Measurement by pacing is of limited usefulness. After a tape measure, an office should have several scale rules-an architect's and an engineer's. This is a simple need but I have often seen plans scaled simply with the aid of a tape measure.

Good Level Definitely Necessary

The next almost indispensable instrument is a good level; it can be a dumpy level, an engineer's level or an architect's level. I personally like and have had for 30 years one of the last. In my opinion it paid for itself on the first job. It is useful and efficient in obtaining levels for grades, but is equally useful in running long lines of trees in an avenue, for example, and, if it has an azimuth scale for turning right angles when laying out gardens, orchards and structures, is still more useful. This one feature can save a surprising amount of time. Levels of this type cost approximately \$200. That might sound expensive, but do not forget that a planting crew can plant more than that much in stock in a day. Since it is either the boss or highest-paid man who must do this work, efficiency counts. Incidentally, a level is almost equally

even modest size, including wholesale nurseries where no landscaping at all is done. It is useful in construction, drainage and laying out blocks.

If you think a good instrument does not save money, I can give an example from my own experience. In recent years there has been a great increase in the number of irregular-size lots, and, while I believe I am fairly good at guessing angle sizes, on one occasion I drove 50 miles to get data for a job which, when put on paper, would not come out right. The time lost on that one job would have paid for the instrument to prevent this.

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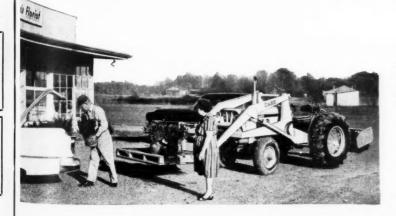
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COVER ILLUSTRATION

Zelkova Sinica

The few known species of zelkova are elmlike trees or shrubs native to the Caucasus, China and Japan, and only two of these are occasionally seen in cultivation, despite desirable characteristics which merit their more general use.

One of the most familiar species is Z. serrata (acuminata), which is found in Japan and was introduced about 1860. This tree, at maturity, can reach 100 feet under favorable conditions and is the largest in the genus. Its trunk is usually short, dividing into several stout, upright and spreading branches, which form



Foliage of Zelkova Sinica

a broad, round-topped head clothed with elmlike leaves three to four inches long, sharply toothed and somewhat rough above but nearly always glabrous beneath.

Z. carpinifolia originated in the Caucasus, was introduced as early as 1760, but is not often seen in this country. This species is smaller than the preceding and matures at about 80 feet, with an oblong head of dark green leaves that are shorter than those of Z. serrata, less sharply toothed and about as rough on top but quite hairy on the veins beneath.

Both the foregoing species are trees of pleasing contour and attractive foliage, but one rarely sees the most attractive member of the genus, save in an arboretum or botanical planting. It is Zelkova sinica, a native of central and eastern China.

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lighter bark; the leaves are one to three inches long, narrower and a much lighter green in color. The entire tree has a more graceful appearance, due perhaps to the slightly pendulous branchlets and airy foliage.

Like Z. serrata and carpinifolia, this handsome tree is fairly hardy and, being such a pleasing one, should be more generally used wherever it can be successfully grown,

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TREE BARK VALUES [Continued from page 13]

and/or curved shell-like bark protuberances partially conceal the gray inner bark. Illustration G shows a hackberry tree trunk measuring 24 inches in diameter.

Most hackberry trees seem to possess the heaviest concentrations of witches'-broom and leaf gall when they are trying to survive under extremely dry soil conditions. Their ultimate heights become restricted, too. There is something characteristic of all older trees. The warty characters on the still partially smooth gray bark seem to place a label on the tree. One can recognize it even though he may be 50 or more feet away.

The bark of many trees goes unnoticed, and undoubtedly the honey locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) falls into this category. During its early years the bark coloration is a dark gray, relatively smooth, except for the numerous lateral lenticels that make one think for a moment that it is a cherry.

As the tree becomes older, reaching an age of 15 years or more, the dark gray bark begins to separate, giving almost a peeling effect (illustration H). The honey locust trunk illustrated has a diameter of 20 inches, with bark that is breaking into curled or broken plates.

Age Brings Coarse Effect

The bark of old specimens, 30 inches or more in diameter, is broken into many plates, or sections, and gives the impression of coarseness. The lenticelled bark is still in evidence, but the coloration - or, rather, the tone-becomes almost

The white cedar, or American arborvitae (Thuja occidentalis), depicted in illustration I has a bark that is characterized by narrow strips of even width. Upon closer observation, it appears to have a more red to orange-brown coloration, but it is thicker and more perAN

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sistent than the bark of the red cedar. The strips of bark shown in illustration I are actually more like ridges and they become broader as the trunk diameter becomes greater. It is relaxing and enjoyable for one to walk slowly through a mature woodland and test himself on the identification of sugar maple; beech; sweet birch, and black, red, pin, scarlet and the other oaks. The observation need not include only the top-story trees. Certainly the bark of such understory trees as hornbeam, flowering dogwood, downy shad-blow, hop hornbeam and mature witch hazel will also provide interest.

There is something about the bark of American linden, or basswood (Tilia americana), that is different from that of all the other trees but difficult to describe. Illustration J indicates why it may be a bit difficult. I have checked various books and the descriptions are far from precise.

Bark Grooves Are Irregular

The grooves or lines are not vertical, as in many trees, but appear as broken or discontinued lines—as though someone had made the indentations with a jerking motion and could not make a continuous groove. These broken grooves are not always vertical, but will spiral a bit around the trunk, and they become coarser.

Many times, too, the trunk is not perfectly round, appearing somewhat flat on one side, with the rest of the trunk rounded or even a bit angled. This is noticeable on specimens that fringe the woodland or lean over a stream.

A woodland would also be the place to find a young hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana) with a trunk like that shown in illustration K. The bark is quite ragged, but consistently breaks from the trunk in strips of even widths. If one were to measure an older tree than the one illustrated, he would find that the strips of bark would not vary more than one eighth of an inch in width.

It is amazing that it has taken the users of trees so many years to learn that they have a good street or lawn tree right in their own back yard or woodland. I refer to this same hop hornbeam. The bark of Ostrya virginiana varies in color, sometimes showing a brown to orange tinge, but it eventually becomes mostly grav

I have many other interesting bark illustrations that will be used and commented on in another article.



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PLANT NOTES HERE AND THERE

By C. W. Wood

Dianthus Sylvestris

While wandering through a field which was used years ago for commercial plant culture, I came upon, among many long-forgotten plants, a perfect specimen of the so-called wood pink, Dianthus sylvestris. The field has not been used since the early years of World War II; so it is easy to see that the plant is quite indestructible.

"Hortus" gives the name D. sylvestris and mentions no synonyms; some European authors call it D. inodorus, with D. sylvestris as a synonym, while others reverse the order. Ingwersen has this to say about it: "D. sylvestris, so named in 1786, had been previously named D. inodorus by Linnaeus in 1753 and the latter name has priority and should be the authentic one." From Farrer comes: "D. inodorus (L. 1753) is the only correct and valid name for the species universally beloved as D. silvestris (Wulf, 1786)." Note that Farrer called it silvestris and not sylvestris, as it is commonly written.

The plant is quite variable as it wanders over hill and vale from Spain at least to the borders of Asia, running all the way from foot-tall forms of lowlands to the two inches or so of a high mountain form known in gardens as D. frigidus. And the color of sylvestris varies not a little, too, requiring careful selection to get the best colors. After one obtains the best color forms (soft salmon pink in my opinion), they are easily perpetuated by cuttings.

One would expect from the name sylvestris (meaning of woods or forests) that the plant would be a lover of shade, but that is not the case; on the contrary, it gives the best account of itself in a dry, sunny situation. Depending upon the height of the material, it is good for border, rock garden or wall (it is a splendid ornament for the sunny wall). It blooms at the usual pink time in June and often more sparingly later.

Cotoneaster Adpressa

Among the large number of cotoneasters there is a shrub for almost every garden situation. Of course, not all the kinds are hardy in the northern tier of states, but there

are far more than is generally thought to be the case and certainly enough to satisfy most garden needs. One that comes to mind is the prostrate C. adpressa, an ideal plant to clothe dry, sunny slopes; to drape over a wall, or to spread out a carpet, 10 inches or so deep, of green in almost any spot where a covering is needed. Its little pinkish "apple blossoms" in June are followed by showy, reddish fruits in August, and its little leaves (about a half-inch long) make it a long-time ornament. Just how long the leafy season will last depends upon the climate in which it is grown; so do not let the conflicting statements that you read, one calling it an evergreen and another saying it is deciduous, confuse you. I do not know how far north it could be called evergreen. but I belive it would be at least the latitude of Columbus, O. Anyway, its loses its leaves in northern Michigan in early winter. But it seems to be hardy, even this far north, es-

pecially if snow covers it during severe weather.

Crested Iris

Iris cristata should make a good sales item where it is little known. Following are a few suggestions for its use:

Because of the obvious connection of a dwarf plant and the rock garden, my plant is generally put in that part of the garden. Although it is well suited there, it does not necessarily mean that rockery planting is the end of its usefulness.

Some gardeners get a good effect with this hardy, wee iris by using it as an edging for beds of the tall-growing kinds. And perhaps its greatest beauty can be brought out by planting it in long drifts on a sunny or lightly shaded slope. It also makes a nice edging for garden paths.

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Daffodil Rosegarland

The blooming of Rosegarland, a daffodil new to me, in the window garden last winter reminded me that I had forgotten to insert a note now and then on new daffodils as they showed up in my trials and as they were observed in other gardens. Many neighborhood growers are finding it profitable to feature a few unusual kinds each year, and I hope that these notes will help them to make their decisions.

If one likes soft colors, like the combination of white, primrose and peach in my present plant of Rosegarland, it may pay one to investigate this tall, upstanding variety. The flower is large, with a broad, white perianth and a rather shallow, wide, bowl-shaped, peach-colored cup, making a flower of great charm. Its tall stems and large flowers of good substance combine to make a good cutting item.

Perhaps a few thoughts on new introductions in any genus of plants may not be out of place at this time. The subject was suggested by a reading of a report of the 1914 daffodil show in London. Of the collection of 48 new kinds that took first in the open class, many of which received enthusiastic praise as coming cut flowers and others as outstanding garden ornaments, just one, Croesus, is grown to any extent in present-day gardens, and all except that one has quite disappeared from growers' lists. To further check on the observation, I reviewed the 1936 issues of an amateur garden magazine for which I have written a column on new and noteworthy plants for close to 30 years, and found that none of the 'world-beaters" praised that year are around today. This means that

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either (1) the plants were not nearly so good as was thought back in 1914 and 1936, (2) plant breeders have made such rapid progress that the best of a few years ago have been outmoded or (3) gardeners are a fickle lot. I remind myself, however, that the stabilized species have retained the affection of gardeners through the centuries.

Tulipa Linifolia

A tulip which I think will give nurserymen and their customers a lift after a long, dull winter is the little Asiatic, Tulipa linifolia. As gardeners see colors in different lights, the flower's hue has been variously described as scarlet, vermilion, crimson and otherwise. The description that I like best was the one given by the Reverend Jacob in one of his books: "A dwarf grower, with a widely open flower of sealing-wax red and well-defined black base.' Add to that the fact that the 6-inch stems spring from a tuft of narrow, almost grasslike leaves in early spring, and one has a picture of an attractive garden ornament. It will also suggest to the experienced gardener how useful it could be in the landscape. A generous clump in a show garden would no doubt attract spring customers.

Dwarf Phlox Elaire Alexander

Where Phlox nivalis stops and Phlox subulata commences, or vice versa, is not easy for an ordinary gardener to determine; so when the authorities say that the new dwarf variety, Elaire Alexander, is a hybrid of these two species, I take their word for it and go ahead enjoying one of the finest pink-flowered varieties that I have seen. It has something of the upright growth of nivalis, the brilliance of the best rose pink of the best dwarf phlox to be seen and some other outstanding characteristics to be mentioned later. Of these, the large size of the flower (an inch or more across) sets it apart as a spectacular thing, and the heart-shaped petals, being somewhat curled at the tips, give it a distinctive appearance. In addition to all these excellent qualities, it is said to have a tendency to bloom in autumn after a prodigious production in spring.

Cespitose Evening Primrose

Evening primroses in general have a rather poor reputation among gardeners, especially the meticulous ones, because many kinds are somewhat weedy, the annual kinds often making a nuisance of themselves by self-sowing and some of the perenFr

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nials spreading rapidly from the root. From the plains and foothills of the west comes one, Oenothera caespitosa, which may, because of good behavior and beauty, change any poor opinion of the genus. If it acts as a biennial, as it has sometimes in my trials, it may be kept going by dividing the plants, preferably in August, I believe; if it acts as a perennial, it will gradually spread from the root, though never at an alarming rate, if it behaves as it did for me.

In any case, one is assured of a long season of large (to three inches or more across), flat, quite stemless flowers (gumbo lilies, of the plains' people), white or pink, for a long time in summer. Unlike some of their kin, the flowers of my plant remain open all day, making it spectacular. I have always grown it in light, sandy soil, but it probably would do well in heavy soil if the drainage was good. It comes readily from fresh seeds, when available, and may also be grown from divisions.

Gladiolus Orchidiflorus

Gardeners often complain about the absence of fragrance in the gladiolus. The statement that the genus lacks fragrance is not true, of course, for several of the South African species are quite markedly sweet-scented, some at night only and a few throughout the entire day. Of the latter, Gladiolus orchidiflorus is a good example. Not only is it fragrant throughout the day, but its gray-green flowers, whose upper seg-

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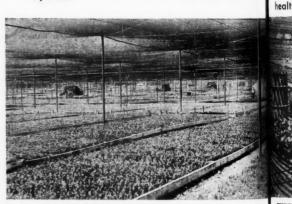
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ment is hooded over the shapely recurved lower segments and a half-inch tube, make an orchidlike flower, quite distinct in the genus as far as I know it. The flowers come on 15-inch stems, up to six to the stem.

The foregoing is an attempt to answer an Illinois reader. I regret that I cannot give him much encouragement about its commercial culture in his state or in any region where temperatures go much below freezing. My only experience was with three potted bulbs in a south window, and they did not turn out a big success. It is a winter-flowering species that should be planted in autumn or early winter, outdoors in the south or in a cool greenhouse, where the temperature can be kept from going much below freezing.

Corydalis Lutea

I thought I had said my last word on the little yellow fumitory, Corydalis lutea, but a New Jersey reader thinks otherwise, for he asks for a note on the plant and its habits. He says that his books say little about it, and the little that is said points to its being a weed.

A little experience in gardening teaches that there are various kinds of weeds. There are horrid ones, for instance, like the ground ivy, Nepeta hederacea, whose sole ambition, apparently, is to occupy the earth. Then there are pleasing ones, like Corydalis lutea, which Mrs. C. W. Earle, who wrote intimately about her English garden more than a half-century ago, classed among the kinds that "we alternately love and hate."

It is not the pest in the climate of eastern North America, however, that it seems to be in England and cannot qualify for the role which she gave it when she wrote of it: "It is a weed, but it keeps away other weeds."

Even though we in America find that it self-sows freely, we soon learn this is a good trait; otherwise it would not stay with us long, for its lengthy season of flowering from spring until winter is usually more than the plant can endure. Its golden fumitory flowers, set on 8-inch stems amid glaucous, ferny foliage, are at home in most associations in any dry spot, sunny or shady.

PLANTING PROCEDURE

Timely advice at planting time was contained in the May issue of New York Nursery Notes from Cornell University. Reviewing data in relation to several types of plants, from apple and shade trees to Spiraea vanhouttei, advice as to



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planting well-grown bare-root stock, pruned and stored in cold storage over winter, was that, after the selection of a well-drained planting site, the plant should be soaked in fresh water 10 hours before planting, then set in place, firmed, watered and shaded. Pruning was stated to be a minor matter except in young trees where some structural pruning may be needed. Heavy pruning dwarfs early growth and is less desirable in establishing plants than retaining as much foliage as consistent with plant structure. Plant mortality can be reduced by attention to watering, particularly if rainfall is substantially deficient.

FLORIDA CONVENTION [Continued from page 11]

plants grown in Florida was covered by Dr. Lorne McFadden, plant pathologist of the subtropical experiment station, Homestead. He illustrated his talk with excellent slides of numerous bacterial and fungus diseases of foliage plants.

Thursday afternoon the women enjoyed a boat tour of island homes from the Deauville docks. In the evening, a social hour was followed by a buffet on the Deauville poolside terrace, preceding entertainment.

Keys to Success

During the general session Friday morning, May 19, I. C. Cahail, area manager of the Dale Carnegie Institute, spoke to the convention on "The Three Keys to Success." He pointed out that an individual must first determine how successful he wants to be and how much effort he is willing to put into the project. One should not expect a higher degree of success than he is willing to work to attain.

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Mr. Cahail gave as the second key to success the ability to get along with and deal effectively with other people. He pointed out that one should not try to wear two "get along" suits, one at home and one in business. To be effective, a man must be sincere in his interest to please and get along with people at home as well as in business.

Establishing a good goal was the third key discussed by Mr. Cahail. He suggested enlisting the help of close associates in writing out definite objectives or goals for a business, partnership or corporation. He stated it would help also to set definite dates of attaining objectives. He related several cases where the goal or objective was attained before the date set, planned or scheduled.

Friday noon, special luncheons were scheduled for A. A. N. members, the women and the exhibitors.

Election of officers, as previously given, was held at the Saturday morning business session. Speaker at this time was Claude Fitzgerald, Miami realtor, whose topic was "Display and Merchandising." The afternoon was given to visits of Dade county nurseries and the Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

Past Presidents' Banquet

The featured speaker at the past presidents' banquet Saturday evening was Provost Willard M. Fifield, college of agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville, whose topic was "Footprints on the Sands of Time." He listed the ability to get along with people as one of the main requirements for success in today's world. Provost Fifield listed and discussed five characteristics or conditions that help one to get along with others: (1) Honesty and sobriety; (2) a sense of duty to oneself and to others; (3) humility; (4) diplomacy or willingness to recognize the value of ideas and respect the rights of others to their own ideas and opinions, and (5) the ability to adapt to situations different from those expected. He pointed out

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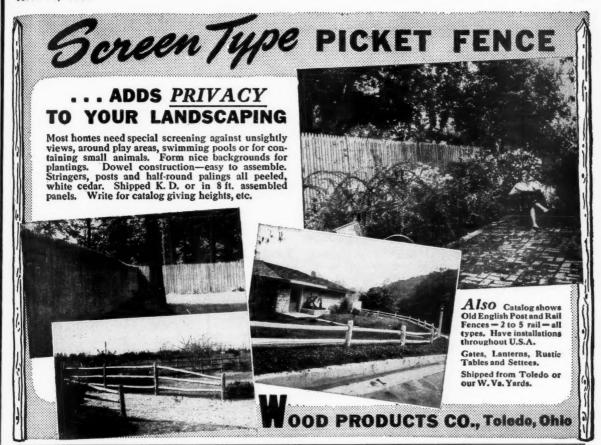
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that these things are true not because man made them so, but because they have been proved sound through the ages and have been handed down as good and proper ways for men to deal with one another. In closing, Provost Fifield reminded his audience that no one lives forever and that to live happily and completely one must feel that he has made some contribution to the welfare of his fellow man.

One of the highlights of Friday's program was a tour of Viscaya, the Dade county museum and Italian gardens, formerly the Deering estate. The tour was interesting to nurserymen because of the many examples of the landscape use of ornamental plants in excellently maintained surroundings.

SAMUEL NEWSOM, ownermanager of the Greenwood Tree, has relocated his Oriental gift shop in a wing of the Egger & Son Nursery building in the Locust district, Mill Valley, Calif., and set up a bonsai patio near the shop.

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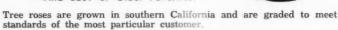
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CENTRAL CHAPTER

The Central chapter of the California Association of Nurserymen met May 9 to pay homage to "Roses—the Queen of the Garden."

Clarence Perkins, Neil Moore, Dennison Morey and Dean Chapman, all of Jackson & Perkins of California, Inc., Pleasanton, spoke on the problems of hybridizing, growing and merchandising millions of roses each year.

Central chapter president, Bert Wright, Wright Bros. Nursery, Lafayette, introduced Clarence Perkins, president of Jackson & Perkins of California, Inc. Mr. Perkins outlined the growth of the Jackson & Perkins firm in New York, Arizona and California to its present position as the world's largest rose grower.

Dean Chapman, wholesale manager, commented on 20 to 30 new rose varieties that were exhibited. The colors ranged from the deep red of Americana to the glistening yellow of King's Ransom. Other novel and exotic shades were those of Tanya, Orange Bronze and Sterling Silver, lavender.

Mr. Perkins then introduced Dennison Morey, director of the firm's research, who spoke on "The Sales Approach to Hybridizing and Selection of New Rose Varieties." Mr. Morey stressed the importance of gearing a hybridizing operation to achieve the goals set by public demand, rather than hybridizing on the basis of personal preference. He showed that this approach means that one must strive to create roses combining the specific qualities demanded by the public.

Neil Moore, general sales and office manager, spoke on the advertising, publicity and merchandising activities of the firm. Mr. Moore pointed out the importance of knowing exactly the individual and relative effectiveness of advertising media. He also showed examples of articles in such national magazines as Life, Reader's Digest, Business Week, Fortune and many others that help inform the public on the latest developments in the rose industry.

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OREGON CHAPTER NEWS

The Emerald Empire chapter of the Oregon Association of Nurserymen met April 27 at the Lynwood cafe, Eugene. President Dick Miller, Edgewood Gardens, Eugene, presided. Ernie McCullouch, Lane county fair director, discussed the county fair displays. The chapter is considering the possibility of increasing its representation in the displays. A project taken on by the chapter is to plant the alley between Willamette and Park streets, Eugene. John Jackson, John's Nursery; Bruce Brechtbill, Brechtbill's Nursery, and Ed Cross, Reed & Cross, all of Eugene, are to meet with the Eugene chamber of commerce to discuss the

The Clackamas chapter of the O. A. N. is sponsoring a field trip June 13 to the north Willamette vallev experiment station at Aurora, Ore. The tour will start at 4 p. m. and will be concluded with a pot luck dinner. All nurserymen and their families are invited to attend. June 27, the chapter members will meet at Seid's restaurant, Oregon City (7 p. m.), at which time the A. A. N. film on home landscaping will be shown as well as a film on the floral exhibit at the state fair at Salem. August 8 has been set as the date for the chapter's annual picnic, which will be held at Wagon Wheel park, near Mollala, Ore. C. H. P.

OREGON NOTES

Bradford Gardens, Portland, held an open house May 21 to celebrate the firm's 30th anniversary at its present address, 9439 Stark street, southeast. F. E. Bradford's father, David Bradford, a pioneer nurseryman in Oregon, established his first nursery in Wallowa county, after the Civil War. His son has discontinued the wholesale part of the business, concentrating on retailing.

Kasch's Nursery, Portland, recently lost 148 shrubs valued at over

\$300 to thieves.

Three rosebushes, High Time, Audie Murphy and Dean Collins, were donated by Roseway Nurseries, Beaverton, recently to be sent to Haugesund, Norway, for a city planting there.

Green Thumb Nursery, Eugene, suffered considerable damage recently from a fire caused by an overheated heating system. The fire was

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Olympic Lady, a white rhododendron, has been named by the Portland Rhododendron Society as the outstanding hybrid for 1961.

Marlene Holden and Philip Schiele have opened the Home Service Garden Supply, at 19140 Stark street, southeast, Portland.

A new landscape firm, Head & Romero Landscapers, 2303 12th avenue, northeast, Portland, is operated by John Head and Tom Romero.

According to Alan Berg, associate director of forest lands, Oregon forest research center, Corvallis, studies have been under way since 1956 concerning the seed harvest of Douglas firs, in accordance with the denseness of the stand of trees. Future studies will include investigation of the relationship of production of Douglas fir seed, production of maple seed and population of squirrels within the test plots. The population of squirrels has resulted in losses of both maple seeds and Douglas fir seeds.

The Western Farmers Association is planning to build a \$200,000 chemical fertilizer establishment at Salem, the first unit of which is scheduled to open October 1.

The Men's Garden Club at Corvallis recently dedicated a plaque to the late Dr. Ezra J. Kraus, horticulturist and hybridizer. Dr. Kraus' fame was principally connected with his work as one of the discoverers of 2.4-D and for his accomplishments in hybridizing new varieties of chrysanthemums, which are now widely used by florists and amateur growers.

C. H. P.

TWO NEW CHERRIES

Two new sweet cherry varieties, Chinook and Rainier, were released for propagation last fall by the Washington agricultural experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture. Both were originated from crosses made by Dr. Harold W. Fogle, at the irrigation experiment station, Prosser, Wash.

Chinook is introduced because it expands the season by its earlier ripening. It has large fruit, firmness and attractiveness equal or superior to Bing. It was selected in 1954 from progeny of Bing x Gil Peck. Fruit ripens four to 10 days earlier than Bing, which it resembles. Trees are

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TREE PROGRAM PROGRESS

The San Francisco, Calif., chamber of commerce reports that more than 4,000 street trees have been planted since the neighborhood street tree planting program began about a year ago. An additional 100 neighborhood groups and 28 district merchant associations are being called to meetings where they will be urged to participate in an intensified program of planting trees along the city's streets.

Mrs. Hans Klussman, chairman of the committee for San Francisco beautification, a chamber of commerce affiliate, said recently, "It was only a few years ago that San Francisco was considered a treeless city. Now trees can be seen everywhere." In San Francisco most of the street tree planting is in the soil in parks and parkings. In Los Angeles and many other smaller cities the use of containers is being promoted with varying interest and success.

A recent commentary on tree planting in many parts of the state was made by a historian who noted that several years ago trees were deliberately removed from the streets in the towns and the cities as being nuisances and that in the early days trees in San Francisco were cut down to provide wooden sidewalks and fuel. W. B. B.

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OBITUARY

Frederick C. Nestor

Frederick C. Nestor, 79, Lawrence township, Trenton, N. J., died May 16 in St. Francis hospital, Trenton. He was a horticulturist and had operated a nursery at his home. Born in Ireland, he had lived at Princeton, N. J., before moving to the Trenton area. Six sons and a brother survive him in this country.

Robert W. Burns

Robert W. Burns, Burns Nursery & Floral, Canton, Tex., was found dead the morning of May 9 at a pond near his home. He had apparently stumbled and fallen, striking his head on some object, according to the newspaper report of the death. Survivors include the widow: one son, Leonard Burns, and one daughter, Reba Stovall, New Summerfield.

Herman Meyer

Herman Meyer, owner and operator of Meyers Peony Garden, Homewood, Ill., the past 10 years, died May 10 at his home, of a coronary attack. He was 54 years old. Survivors include his widow, Helen; his father, Rule Meyer, and four sisters.

HONOR SEED FIRM HEAD

E. J. Kiekenapp, prominent Faribault, Minn., businessman, was honored April 27 on his 80th birthday anniversary, at a dinner attended by members of his family, prominent seedsmen from other communities and over 100 employees of the Farmer Seed & Nursery Co., Faribault, with which he has been associated for more than 50 years, for 23 years as president. He was succeeded at this position by his son, Roger, in 1950, and became chairman of the board, a post he recently relinquished. The company, which has gained a national reputation for its development of hybrid seeds, also operates a garden center adjacent to its main establishment at Faribault, as well as garden centers at St. Cloud, Minneapolis, Rochester, Mankato and Fairmont. Mr. Kiekenapp has been active for many years in state and national seed trade associations.

BEGINNING the Spaggs Nursery, 24815 Broadway, Bedford, O., are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spagnola. A garden shop was scheduled for completion in May.

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High winds in a spring storm May 16 virtually destroyed what was regarded as one of the oldest elms in this country, when the two big remaining limbs of the Logan elm crashed to the ground, and the trunk, of 24-foot circumference, was split.

The Logan elm, named for the Mingo Indian chief whose famous message was read in 1774 under the elm at the close of Lord Dunmore's war against the Indians, was estimated at 400 years old and stood in a special spot protected by caretakers of the Ohio Historical Society, in Pickaway county, just south of Highway 361, at Circleville, O.

Strenuous efforts have been made to keep the tree alive in recent years with funds provided for its preservation. As late as 1950 it had a spread of 80 feet and a height of 65 feet

WHOLESALERS' REPORTS

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son Sales Agency, Wallingford, Conn., adding: "Our shippers have all maintained good delivery schedules, in spite of many lost days, when it was impossible for crews to work in the fields. Sales volume has been satisfactory on our regular deliveries. Repeat orders have not been up to usual volume, because many rainy days have made it difficult for retail buyers to get about. An improvement in the weather for the next two weeks could help to improve a late demand to a considerable extent.

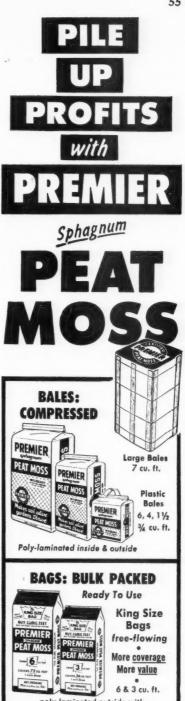
"It is too early at this date (May 18) to make estimates of either stock available or prices for next year. Planting is going along as usual, and growing conditions are favorable at this time."

Push Needed for New Jersey Sales

Hans Hess, Hess' Nurseries, Wayne, N. J., writes of New Jersey's spring difficulties and lowered April sales as follows:

"We were fortunate in getting an early start in March, and it appeared that we would be able to complete our shipping far ahead of schedule. However, the weatherman changed this situation drastically. We had nearly continuous rain and dark weather the entire month of April, which on top of the extremely wet condition that existed at the beginning of the spring made it difficult to dig and ship material. The month of April was one third behind that of last year.

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possible, because the ground was too wet to prepare. It is indeed fortunate that the weather remained cool and we were able to get the bare-root material out before it had begun to grow. The bad weather, particularly cooler week-ends, have taken their toll of the garden market operations. Business generally has been good in the east. It has, however, taken more promotion to build sales than it has in the past. This, I believe, will continue to be an important factor in the industry.

"The over-all price picture has remained reasonably stable; there is a satisfactory supply of good nursery stock available, except for the unusual items, which are difficult to find and priced high. It is quite evident that the current trend is toward the more unusual nursery stock."

Virginia Reports Favorable

The firm's "best spring" brought a 10 per cent advance in sales over the previous high record, writes S. D. Tankard, Jr., Tankard Nurs-eries, Exmore, Va., in his season's survey, following:

"We have experienced the best spring that we have ever known. Our sales are over 10 per cent ahead of last year's or any other year that we have been in business. This means, of course, that the demand for our products has been stronger than ever before and, fortunately, we had the material, undamaged by cold weather, with which to fill the orders.

"The hard winter of 1960-61 did a great deal of damage to nursery stock in the Middle Atlantic states, but fortunately our's escaped serious injury this time. So we know we benefited some from the misfortune

of others.

"The cold weather would not allow us to do much in January and February, but by March 1 we were able to move right along with digging and shipping. March was unusually mild here, and April and May have been cooler than ordinarily, so our season has been longer than usual. The weather during these three months was favorable for operations, as there was sufficient rainfall to keep the ground in good condition and to benefit especially the stock we lined out late and transplanted after the big spring rush was over.

"With the weather thus permitting a good start on growth for next season, it appears that we will have good quality and an ample supply of stock. We usually plant a little more each season in order to take care of anticipated increased de-

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"As to prices, we believe they have reached a more or less stable point where they are satisfactory to our customers and satisfactory to us. We do not anticipate any changes of consequence."

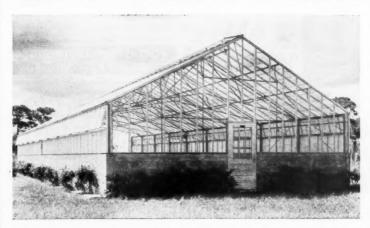
An improvement in conditions this spring is described by E. M. Quillen, Waynesboro Nurseries, Waynesboro, Va., who adds a note of urgency on advancing prices in the following letter:

Spring in 1961 was far more favorable than in 1960, when March was nearly a blank sales month because of heavy snows and continuous cold, which prevented both digging and planting. This past March, April and early May made a satisfactory season for sales, digging and shipping. The growing season has been excellent. A cool April, with ample rainfall, has aided plantings in the nursery. But cultivation has been curtailed, causing a weed problem at this time.

"Labor has been plentiful, but the nursery business is not without its problems, the greatest of which is having operating costs increasing more than the nursery stock prices. Little or no advance in prices was experienced in this area during the past five years, while operating costs continued to rise in spite of laborsaving equipment and other expense-reducing operations. Increasing prices is the logical answer, but not a practical one when competitors see differently.

"Supplies of nursery stock appear to be ample. No great surpluses or shortages are noticeable at this time,

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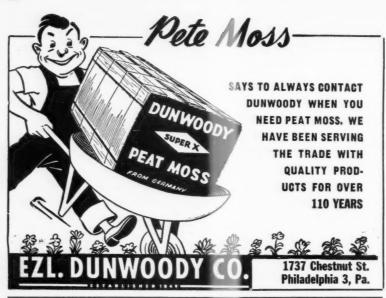
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but much will depend on the growing season and economic conditions. A sane policy would be to plant only that which can normally be profitably marketed, avoiding plunging and dumping surpluses that depress the market for all.

"Increased postal rates, plus the sale of nursery stock in many types of stores and markets, have multiplied mail-order nurserymen's problems. Additional postal rates proposed will further strangle a struggling mail-order business.

Maryland Gain in Volume

C. Willard Stoner, Westminster Nurseries, Inc., Westminster, Md., notes increased sales volume but not profit, writing:

"The heavy accumulation of winter snow gradually melted, and practically all of the moisture penetrated the soil, as we had little, if any, frost beneath the snow. We were able to start our normal digging about March 1 and have continued up to the present time, but we have had an extremely wet spring, with periods of two to three days of interruptions weekly due to rainy weather. Fortunately, we were able to find ample additional labor to increase our digging force and keep abreast of order demands.

"Generally speaking, we have found the demand for nursery stock better than normal. We, at this time, anticipate a gross sales increase of 12 to 15 per cent over last spring; on the other hand, we do not foresee any increase in our net profits. Increased overhead costs without the benefit of higher prices for our products has affected normal profits.

"With the abundance of deep moisture, which we did not have in the previous four or five years, we anticipate excellent growing conditions this summer and are looking forward to having a well-balanced stock to offer for fall, 1961.

"Our propagation and lining-out program compares in quantity and varieties with that of the previous three or four years.

"It is apparent that with the general economic recovery, the demand for nursery stock will be excellent."

Favorable Michigan Spring

Favorable comment is also given by Nick I. W. Kriek, Cottage Gardens, Lansing, Mich., in this report:

"Although we do not yet have final figures, it looks as if we had a good spring trade. The demand for evergreens held up well, and there was a marked increase in the demand for broadleaves, such as ilex, azalea leas a be gro with they o "W help while gave season rain a the b

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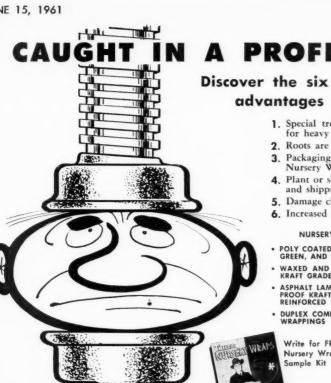
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"We had no difficulty getting help this spring, and cold weather, while hard on garden center sales, gave a good digging and planting season. During April there was much rain and we were fortunate to have the bulk of our planting done before the wet weather.

"While we had to increase some of our plantings, we do not believe we overplanted, and we are optimistic about the future. We feel that most nurserymen realize that it is expensive to overplant, so it does not seem that supply and demand will be out of balance in the foreseeable future."

Fruit Sellout in Michigan

A strong demand and modest supply in small fruit plants added up to many early sellouts at Krieger's Wholesale Nursery, Bridgman, Mich., according to A. W. Krieger. He describes an excellent season, clouded only by the scarcity of supervisory labor and problems of transportation, as follows:

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this spring—the type that can be expected only once in 20 years. Our digging operations started February 15 and, with minor interruptions, continued throughout the spring.

"The demand was strong for the small amount of our type of material, and most items were sold out before the normal season got under way. The demand finally caught up with the supply. This we feel is not due to an increase in demand for small fruits, but rather a decrease in the supply, which has been diminishing over a period of years. The supply of small fruits in our area for the coming season is minor, but could be adequate for normal demand.

"Cheap labor has been plentiful, but the supervisory type has all gone to better pastures.

"Transportation seems to be the biggest problem for wholesale movements. Railroad shipment is out of the question, with railway express prices beyond reach, and truck service to many areas is poor. Trucking lines are consolidating and reaching the point where small shipments are not profitable for them. The future of interstate business in the nursery trade will depend a great deal upon carrier service.

Ohio Expectations High

With the advantages of an earlyseason start and steady wholesale demand, Scarff's Nursery, Inc., New Carlisle, O., expects this spring to emerge as a record season, in spite of cold, rainy April weather that delayed nursery operations and leveled off retail sales. Howard N. Scarff writes as follows:

"With an unusually early break in the weather the first week of March, spring shipping and field digging started in full swing. This continued intermittently throughout the month. Cash-and-carry sales, both wholesale and retail, set new records during this early period.

"With April came the rains and a shift back to colder temperatures. Field work came to a standstill, and retail sales leveled off, but wholesale orders and shipments from storage continued about normal.

"Early May brought drying conditions sufficient for field planting. We just now are able to get into grading and lawn work.

"At this writing (mid-May) all nursery operations are at least three weeks behind schedule. Shipping is over, but we anticipate sales of B&B and container plants to carry on for some time, providing the weather does not become too hot and dry.

"Over all, I expect our spring





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wholesale trade will be about a record high. In retail we are hoping that May will make up for some of the business lost in April, to bring total sales up to or above our normal for the season."

Minnesota Season Gratifying

Reporting a brisk demand through mid-May and a prospect of increased late-season sales due to his firm's expansion of refrigerated storage facilities, Gordon Bailey, J. V. Bailey Nurseries, St. Paul, Minn., estimates that this spring will equal 1960's high levels. He writes:

"Our spring season is now drawing to a close and it looks as if it would end up approximately the same as a year ago, at the wholesale level. Of course, we enjoyed a heavy demand in the spring of 1960, so we had a rather high mark to reach. The demand has been brisk, particularly in the ornamental items, and I believe that, if anything was down at all, it was mostly fruit trees.

"In the upper midwest here we have had an adequate supply of moisture, at times a little more than was wanted, but we have been able to get our orders out pretty much on schedule. The retailers had some bad week-ends in the early part of the season, but, in spite of that, the demand has been good, and with a few good week-ends during the rest of May and into June, I am sure that they will enjoy a good season.

"We have had practically no winter injury in this area, which is quite a change from the past three years, when our winter damage has

been extensive.

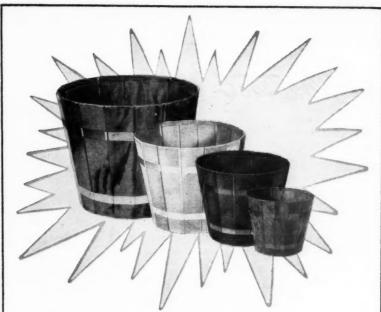
"I believe that the supply for the season of 1961-62 is about normal, and we should like to raise prices to cover some of the increased costs, but I doubt if the market will stand more than a 2 or 3 per cent increase.

"We anticipate a considerable increase in our late sales through June, due to a substantial increase in our refrigerated storage space. In addition to the refrigeration, we use automatic humidity controls."

Good Season in Indiana

While telling of gains this year, Fred R. Hobbs, C. M. Hobbs & Sons, Inc., Bridgeport, Ind., also points up the price problem in the following letter:

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son; as of now there seems to be no solution to this problem, as the current competitive market makes it difficult to raise prices.

Illinois Firm Below 5-Year Average

John B. Hill, general manager, D. Hill Nursery Co., Dundee, Ill., sees production loss in many prices quoted and year's sales above those of 1960. His views follow:

"Our spring season has gone along exceedingly well so far, with sales appreciably ahead of last year's. Upon historical comparison, however, we find that we are just about equal to a 3-year average and some 11 per cent below a 5-year average; thus it is apparent that any comparison against last year is not a true criterion.

"We could not have asked for betater spring weather than this year's. There was no frost on the ground from March 1 on, and except for the freak snowstorm in early April, the weather caused little loss of working days. On the other hand, the sale of nursery stock through garden center outlets was diminished by unpleasant weather over many of the week-ends. This latter factor, of course, influenced the size and frequency of reorder business.

"Attempting to keep abreast of the over-all market, we have made considerable effort to determine exactly what was being sold in our area and what prices were being paid. It is our considered conclusion that many growers in the north central and southern central states are literally going out of business on the installment plan. By this I mean that, unless there is some genuine black magic in the cost-control procedures used, a lot of material is being sold for considerably less than it costs to produce it. I do not see how these growers can afford to replace this inventory and continue to stay in business!'

Illinois Firm's "Best Year"

J. C. Fiore, Charles Fiore Nurseries, Inc., Prairie View, Ill., declares this spring gave the firm its best year, describing the favorable features as follows:

"This is the best year we have had. It is a wonderful feeling to look back and know that one has had all the breaks, as far as weather and help are concerned. For many years there were labor problems, or the warm weather came too early, or it was an unusually rainy season. But this year the rains came almost when they were wanted.

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"The demand was there, in spite of the so-called recession, for topquality nursery stock; I believe there will always be a demand for good plant material.

"The supply of stock for next season will be plentiful, provided there is ample rainfall. At this time conditions are on the dry side.

"I am sure that prices will be stable, if not slightly increased, in the face of the increases in taxes expected here in Illinois.'

"This was a difficult spring to keep a work program on schedule, because of several floods: however we were successful in filling all of our orders.

"The planting suffered most. We finished planting the middle part of May, which is several weeks behind our regular planting time. The weather has been cold and wet, so we do not anticipate too heavy a loss if we have one of those 'kind-to-plants' summers.

"We have made our usual planting on the theory that there will always be a market for well-grown stock. Labor has been plentiful, but of the kind that requires close supervision.'

Evergreen Demand Rises in Iowa

G. L. Welch notes an increased demand for evergreens and fruits in his letter from Mount Arbor Nurseries, Shenandoah, Ia., where weather conditions were "ideal" this spring. He also comments on the need for higher nursery prices in this review of the season:

"Weather conditions in this area this spring have been ideal to permit our shipping schedule and outdoor work to be performed in an orderly manner. We have enjoyed ample rainfall, but not in excessive amounts-only about as it was really needed.

"The demand has been good for shade trees, shrubs and evergreens. In fact, the demand for evergreens has been greater than in previous years. We were also surprised that the sale of fruits this year seemed to be better than in previous seasons. I do not think the demand for roses was up to normal.

"The entire nursery industry is confronted with increased costs, not only for labor but for various supplies that must be purchased. We must have some increases in prices, I think, not only at the wholesale but also retail level, to take care of the increased costs. Labor continues to be in rather short supply

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in this area at seasonal peaks. We are still depending on imported labor to help out during the fall and spring seasons."

Good Nebraska Season

"Business has been good in Nebraska, and our sales this season are a little ahead of normal at this writing," states J. E. Kornes, vice-president, Plumfield Nurseries, Inc., Fremont, Neb., in these spring trade comments. He continues: "The demand for quality evergreens, shade trees, shrubs and roses continues strong, but fruit tree sales have been down again. About the only bright spot in this respect has been the increased demand for dwarf fruit trees.

"The supply of labor has been adequate in numbers this year, and cool weather conditions have contributed to the steady movement of stock. In spite of a shortage of moisture so far this year, stock in the fields is growing nicely and, with irrigation, we expect to have our normal supply to offer next season. Prices will remain steady in most lines, although some increases will be necessary to meet rising labor

OHIO FIRM'S FIRE LOSS

Damage suffered by M. L. Carr's Sons nursery, Yellow Springs, O., in a fire the evening of May 3 included the complete destruction of a 40x90-foot section of greenhouses, with loss estimated at \$20,000. The 40-year-old building had been used as a workshop and contained all the firm's tools and several electric motors, according to the nursery's 90year-old proprietor, O. E. Carr, an active member of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association. The firm was founded in 1869 by Mr. Carr's father and is Yellow Springs' oldest business.

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Texas homeowners in controlling insects, diseases and nematodes on ornamental plants.

Weed Control

The chairman for the afternoon session was R. S. Suggs, Suggs Landscape Co., Houston. He first introduced John Long, Texas agricultural experiment station, who gave his observations on homeowners requests for information on the use of weed controls for home grounds, lawns and ornamental plantings throughout Texas. Mr. Long stated that the growth behavior of plants and temperature and moisture factors are important considerations in weed control.

He cited the most satisfactory grasses for each of the various climatic areas of Texas, discussing the effects of proper watering and fertilization practices in weed control. With color slides he illustrated the most bothersome weeds in various Texas areas and discussed chemical controls now available for their eradication.

Dr. E. C. Holt, agronomist in charge of turf work at the station, followed Mr. Long on the program and used many excellent color slides to outline the principles and practices involved in successful turf management in the several climatic areas of the state.

Turf Developments

He suggested Texturf "10," a Bermuda grass strain, for athletic fields and said that Tifgreen Bermuda is now most widely used for areas where fine-leaved grasses are needed. He concluded by noting that turf research workers in Texas have found several St. Augustine grass strains that will set seed and that experimental plots of these strains are now being established for further study.

The entire group then participated in a tour to the research plots on turf grasses at the experiment station, where Dr. Maurice Bloodworth, soil physicist, explained a new type of underground watering system and the group studied the various types of grass being investi-



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The chairman for the Monday evening session was L. J. Hilscher, Hilscher Nursery & Garden Center, Fort Worth, president of the T. A. N. After the Texas Aggie smorgasbord had been served, Mr. Hilscher introduced Tom Scarbrough, owner of Tom's Tree Place, Lubbock, who showed a series of slides depicting varied, novel and extensive use of trees and other plants in what he described as the 'treeless" areas of west Texas. To supplement his discussion, "Plants for Modern Landscapes," he provided the group with a list of plants that can be used in unusual and effective ways to meet the landscape needs of homeowners in these areas.

Scott Mosty, Mosty Bros. Nursery, Center Point, chairman of the Tuesday morning session, opened the meeting by introducing W. P. (Pete) Nuffer, Mountain View Nurseries, Troutdale, Ore., made an outstanding presentation on automation in the nursery. His discussion was well illustrated by many slides of his own operations as well as those of others.

Mr. Nuffer said he feels that automation can be applied to many nursery operations and gave the following reasons why a nurseryman might seriously consider it: (1) To provide adequate production to meet the demands of mass market outlets of the future; (2) to upgrade the nursery industry; (3) to standardize quality; (4) to minimize drudgery, and (5) to attract highercaliber men into the industry.

The main disadvantages of nursery automation at present are the high capital requirements involved and the lack of versatility now possible. He especially emphasized the value of automation in the two major requirements of nursery production in the future, specialization and standardization, which will make possible the consistent production of high-quality plants.

Dr. Richard Harris, University of California. Davis, followed Mr. Nuffer on the program and discussed the "Value and Importance of Proper Cultural Practices on Plant Performance." Dr. Harris emphasized that there have been many decided improvements in container growing, but that there are still many pitfalls in the method when it is not properly handled.

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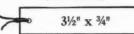
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root development. He also pointed out that trees planted in a lawn usually have to compete with the grass, resulting in a lack of nitrogen and oxygen, and also may suffer from the heavy watering of the lawn.

The chairman of the final session of the short course was Ralph Griffing, Griffing Nurseries, Beaumont. Mr. Griffing introduced Prof. A. F. DeWerth, department of floriculture, Texas A. and M., who illustrated with colored graphs the trends and changes in the size and amounts of production in the nursery industry in the past 10 years, trends and shifts in population and construction potentials in Texas.

Current Trends

He outlined the dangers of the present sellers' market for nursery products, the changing buying habits of consumers and the need for more attention to plant quality. The speaker also noted the trends toward greater specialization and increased standardization. The advantages and disadvantages of vertical integration in the industry were discussed, and it was pointed out that there is a decided indication that these trends may well accelerate during the next 10 years.

The trend toward larger and fewer producing nurseries and marketing outlets should be of great concern to nurserymen, said Professor De Werth. He cautioned them to guard zealously and to publicize effectively their main competitive advantage over the volume market outlets, which is their ability to provide knowledge about nursery products and to render the services so widely sought by consumers.

The speaker also emphasized that consumers today are interested in package deals both in plants and landscape services. The average homeowner is desirous of finding a firm that can design, execute and maintain his landscape rather than seeking out the services of three or four individuals or firms to provide him with these services.

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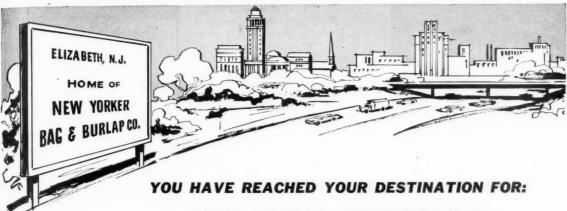
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RHODODENDRON MEETING

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Washington, and the coastal area of British Columbia.

Mr. Brydon spoke of some disagreement regarding the naming of rhododendrons, especially as to their being species or hybrids. Although he named the qualifications and drawbacks of many varieties, he paid particular attention to some. Among the latter were Cotton Candy, an introduction by John Henny and

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Mr. Brydon said that rhododendrons were first introduced to the San Francisco area during the world's fair in 1915 and interest in them was rapidly stimulated. With one slide he called attention to the use of eucalyptus chips spread over the ground from the drip line outward as a means of keeping down weeds. Pine needles and peat moss were used to provide a mulch closer to the plants. He closed his discussion with information about the Exbury strain of azaleas and said that six of the nine species were American, although English growers were credited with having improved the Exbury azaleas to their present state.

Dwarf Plants

Wales Wood discussed "Dwarf Rhododendrons in the Northwest.' His talk was beautifully illustrated with colored slides. A collector of many dwarf forms of rhododendrons, he maintains a large woodland garden at St. Helens. The dwarf or miniature rhododendrons provide plants for many garden situations, he said, including the border and rockery, and for use as a ground cover. They are plants which are easy for the week-end gardener to care for, he said. The dwarf forms go well with the low ranch homes, where there often is not room for the larger types of rhododendrons.

Although there is a variety of dwarf rhododendrons available to-day, they are not grown so heavily as the large types, because nurserymen find it more difficult to get a fair price for them when the larger types offer so much more in plant size for the same price. Dwarfs, said Mr. Wood, extend the blooming season of rhododendrons from six weeks to two months. They begin to flower in the Pacific northwest in late January or early February. His pictures emphasized the wide vari-



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Rhododendrons in Scotland

Dr. H. R. Fletcher, regius keeper, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland, gave the principal talk, his subject being "Rhododendrons at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh and Benmore." Again, this was a talk well illustrated with colored slides. Dr. Fletcher, who is also a registrar for rhododendron varieties, is an expert in the taxonomy of cultivated plants.

He said that about 400 species of rhododendrons exist in the Royal Botanic Gardens in Scotland. Plants grown in the Royal Botanic Garden at Argyll on the west coast of Scotland have entirely different conditions of climate than those at Edinburgh, on the east coast. Rainfall is 90 inches at Argyll and but 28 inches at Edinburgh. This makes it possible to observe rhododendron growth for varieties under widely

different conditions. Concerning the horticultural valuation of the different rhododendron species, he referred to the grading systems of this country and of Great Britain. The British system, he said, does not offer a full enough picture of the various plants, in that the single indication of zero, one star, two stars, three stars or four stars may apply to the flowers, whereas the foliage and habit may rate a different grade, or vice versa. He suggested a regrading of many species in accordance with a system which would take into account separate grading of flowers on the one hand and foliage and habit on the other. In addition, he suggested that many so-called species were, instead, natural hybrids and as such should be given cultivar names under which they should be judged and rated. Some species, he pointed out, flower with various colors of flowers and have other distinguishing features which mark them as natural hybrids.

Regrading Need

He gave examples of the necessity for regrading many species. Pointed out was the fact that some rhododendrons given a poor rating, perhaps because of the particular plants judged, are eminently worth growing in certain circumstances. It is equally important to consider the





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Wisley Trials

Dr. F. P. Knight, director, Royal Horticultural Society Gardens, Wisley, England, dealt with "Rhododendron and Azalea Trials at Wisley." Dr. Knight described in some detail the methods used to select plants for rhododendron and azalea trials at Wisley. A subcommittee, which meets four times each year, is the first judge of any plant submitted by the grower. All plants are judged solely by quality and not by name. Plants which have been graded once may be upgraded at some later time.

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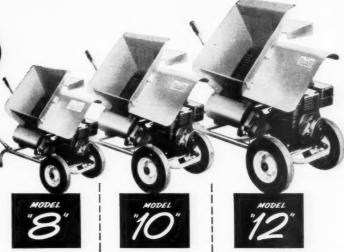
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dodendrons and azaleas. Sometimes the fern is augmented with spent hops. Plants requiring a finer mulch are given these materials after they have been run through a chopper. Mount Everest, Suzan, Earl of Athlone, Nettie Edwards and Mrs. A. M. Williams were among the varieties which have received favorable grading at Wisley and of which Dr. Knight showed the group colored slides.

Dr. J. C. Wister, director, Arthur Hoyt Scott Foundation, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., discussed "The Dexter Hybrids Today." Comments made by Dr. Wister appeared in the February 15 issue of the American Nurseryman.

Among program highlights of the remaining three days of the conference was a discussion of rhododendron diseases in the Pacific northwest and their controls presented by Dr. C. J. Gould, western Washington experiment station, Puyallup, Wash. Rhododendron strains developed and grown in England, Holland and Canada were described by subsequent speakers, and materials and techniques for mulching were outlined.

Two symposiums, one on hardiness and one on breeding, were led by Dietrich Hobbie, rhododendron



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Only one manufacturer described the products under investigation as "peat moss." Others labeled their packages merely as "peat." Nonetheless, retailers involved advertised such offerings as "peat moss."

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divisions of the trade or in the various categories was not stated, but it is assumed that it was large enough to be representative.

The apparent uneasy price structure was undoubtedly due to the effects of the weather disturbances and the varying fortunes of retail trade in general in different sections of the country, plus the increasing supplies of stock produced to meet the larger demand of the gardening public. In a year of marked recession in some other industries, the showing of the nursery trade was the more gratify-

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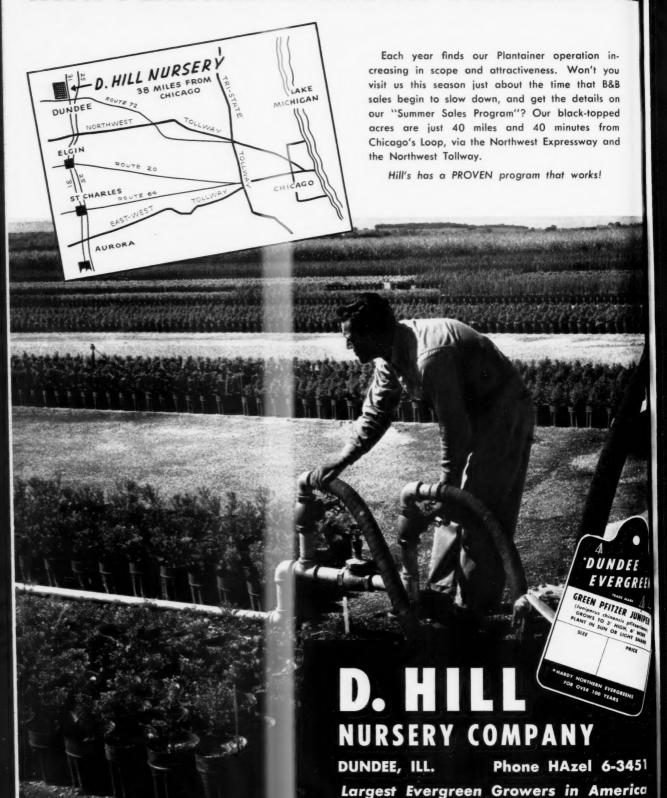
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